

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday February 22, 2007
Tusket NS 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Bruce Hubbard and Roderick Murphy Jr.; Chairman Robert Amirault; Committee member Alfred d'Entremont; Planner Gary Saunders; Chief Administrative Officer, Alain Muise, and Recorder Sheila Wilson.

Chairman Robert Amirault calls the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

It is moved by Bruce Hubbard and seconded by Roderick Murphy Jr. to approve the agenda as circulated.

Items for discussion and/or approval

Discuss with Steven Lyons (and others request to amend By-Law to prohibit mink and fox farms in the general use zone of Argyle Head

Gary Saunders had some direction from the last Planning Advisory meeting and looked into this matter further. He has a map showing Crown lands, provincial preservation lands and privately owned lands. Approximately 65% of the Municipality of Argyle is Crown lands.

Fox, Mink and Hog farms are prohibited in the rural centres of West Pubnico, Wedgeport and Tusket.

The committee expresses that there should be more protection in the General Use Zone in general and not just in the Argyle Head area which is specific in the application by Steven Lyons.

The idea of having prohibition 1 mile from coastal water was discussed by the committee. This would basically take in all of the General Use Zone.

After some discussion, the committee would like to see protection for the General Use Zone and the Village Zones. Gary Saunders will draw up an amendment for the committee to review at the next meeting. Mr. Saunders also advises that fox and mink farms cannot be prohibited. There is discussion on selecting a section of land expressly for their farms.

Review draft development agreement re: Elite Farms Ltd. Mink pelting operation

The draft development agreement re: Elite Farms Ltd. mink pelting operation at Ste Anne-du-Ruisseau was reviewed. Mr. Ron Crowell has been away, therefore there has been no change or discussion with the issue that he had with the 30 days notice to comply with any terms and conditions of the agreement.

It is agreed to get clarification from Mr. Crowell and if need be the committee agrees that this may be changed to 45 days if need be.

Outdoor Furnaces

The issue of Outdoor Furnaces was discussed. Planner Gary Saunders had examples of other By-laws implemented by other Municipalities and many Municipalities do not regulate outdoor furnaces. It is agreed by the committee that Mr. Saunders draft a by-law with would either restrict the height of the furnace or the size of the lot.

Godin Bros. SFX Inc. application for development agreement

Planner Gary Saunders brings the committee up to date on this item. Godin Bros. SFX Inc. has put in an application for a development agreement for a welding and machine shop. This is a heavy industrial use and must be by development agreement.

Other Business

Councillor Roderick Murphy Jr. brings up a matter an application for an Auto Repair Shop on the Black Pond Road. The building or garage is approximately 2000 sq feet, double the allowable for a home occupation. Councillor Murphy asks if anything can be done to help with this.

Lorelei Doucette, Acting Director of the Property Inspection and Public Works will be contacted to see if a wall can be built inside the building to limit the space to an allowable amount.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on motion by Bruce Hubbard and seconded by Alfred d’Entremont.

Sheila Wilson
Recorder

Date Approved: _____

Chairman _____

Alain D Muise Chief Administrative Officer _____